

A FIRE-ESCAPE INVENTOR ASSERTS THAT HE IS INCOMPETENT.

The Inspector Summoned by Fire Commissioner Purroy—He Will File a Formal Answer Later, but Denies the Accusations to an "Evening World" Reporter—Reasons Given by the Complainant.

Charges of incompetency were preferred against Building Inspector Alfred F. D'Oench, this morning, by F. W. Hotele, the inventor of a fire-escape, and partner in the firm of Allen & Co., iron-work dealers, East Forty-second street.

The charges, as submitted to President Purroy of the Fire Department, state that D'Oench, inasmuch as having on several occasions granted permits for the erection of said fire-escapes, now orders them to be taken down on the grounds that they are insufficient as means of escape in case of fire and that, by this act, he has shown himself to be incompetent for the position of Superintendent of Buildings.

The complaint further alleges that in consequence of Mr. D'Oench having granted permits for the erection of their fire-escapes Messrs. Allen & Co. were induced to expend considerable money in fitting out machinery to facilitate the manufacture, and, finally that the only reason given by Mr. D'Oench for refusing to allow them to erect any more of their fire-escapes in this city was simply that if he allowed this form of escape he

The immediate cause of filing these charges and complaints, was the refusal of D'Oench to grant a release on the escape erected on Hudson street factory, at Tenth avenue and Thirty-fifth street.

As Mr. Hofsze stated to an Evening World reporter, "that in consideration of the fact that Mr. D'Oench had already granted permits to erect a second escape, it was anticipated in erecting another on the piano factory. By the terms on contract the money for the escape was to be paid upon production of a release from the Building Department. The escape was accordingly erected, but upon applying for a release it was refused for the reason already stated."

Furthermore, when the first manufactory turned out a second escape on the first street Mr. D'Oench examined it in person, expressed himself perfectly satisfied with it, and said in the presence of witnesses "Go ahead and put up all you want on factories, but make a modification for beamless houses."

"This modification was made, which consisted of a wider platform in front of the escape, and a wider base. The escape was erected, with full permission of the Inspector."

Upon reading the charges, President Purcell summoned D'Oench before him and gave a brief explanation of the charges. The attorney said that he would submit his answer to the Board at the next meeting. To Tom

ERVENING WORLD reporter he said: "This is only a small sample of the massive fire escapes, built by inspectors to buildings of which they were erected, and in each case they refused to work properly. A fire escape that don't work is practically useless, and that's all I have to say."

As to the inspector's report of their failing to work, Mr. Hofele said that an Inspector named Schweitzer had visited 83 Frankfort street, where one of the escapes were erected, but made no effort to test it working capacity, but only told a "employee" in the building, "your spirit is mischievous," struck the conning catch with a hammer which brought it to the ground. Schweitzer then reported that the escape was useless, and it had to be struck with a hammer."

The story of the escape and the objections Mr. Hofele claims, is thus shown by his condemning the escape on the Frankfort street building, which was never tested, and in refusing to test the escape on the piano factory and refusing a release on the same.

A PUBLIC SERVICE will be rendered at 8 p. m. by Rev. Dr. Tullman in his scrutiny of police court justice. The interests of New York's multitudes are involved. The graphic report will be found exclusively in THE WORLD TO-MORROW morning.

Exercises at La Salle Academy.

It takes very bad weather to keep the parents and friends of La Salle Academy away from the annual examination. This was seen last evening when, despite the rain, a large gathering greeted the Senior Class. The examination embraced several of the traditional academic exercises, and selections of music and recitations added to the interest of the exercises. Gentlemen from the University of Notre Dame were present.

The student as a whole, did credit to the academy before dismissing the students it was announced that the class of 1900, which was the first to be furnished for the occasion by Groun ("Beastie" Ostratka) to the Brother Leon, of the board of education, and that the class of 1901, which was written especially for this celebration by Miss E. O'Donnelly and Miss Alice Allen. Since will be rested.

Celebrated the Queen's Birthday.

The St. Michael's Association, which is composed of colored men who are British subjects, celebrated the Queen's birthday on night by giving a summer program of the kind, "The Last Majesty in Queen," Mr. Timothy Bain, "His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," and Mr. Joe. Dillies the various portions of the royal family. Several of the toasts were proposed by Messrs. Adesky, Turner, Shimp, Bain and Strachan, including one to President Wilson. The guests C. C. Bridgewater made the closing address.

A Spree and a Suicide.

Christian Tallich, a stevedore, fifty-three years old, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself in his workshop in the front basement of 244 West Third-eighth street. He owned the house and was in good circumstances, but was addicted to drunkenness. He began a spree two weeks ago and his family and friends knew nothing of it until his body was discovered hanging from a beam by a piece of clothing.

Stationary Temperature, with Rain.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—

—Weather indications:—

For Connecticut

Eastern New York
Stationary temperature
rain; fresh to brisk
easterly winds.

The Weather To-Day.
Indicated by Mikoy's two-thermometer

	1886.	1887.	1888.	1887.	
P. A. M.	50	71	P. A. M.	50	70
N. A. M.	50	71	N. A. M.	50	70

Average corresponding time last year, 15 degrees.